

SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S PORTFOLIO

Program: Administrative Appeals Tribunal

Question No. SBE16/052

Senator Lambie asked the following question at the hearing on 18 October 2016:

Senator LAMBIE: Can you provide me with the number of veterans who have taken their matters to the AAT over the last 10 years and who are therefore exposed to no-cost searches and fishing expeditions from journalists or people who are not party to those veterans' matters?

Ms Leatham: Senator, are you asking just for the number of veterans matters in the last 10 years?

Senator LAMBIE: Yes—

Ms Leatham: We can take that on notice and get you that statistical information.

Senator LAMBIE: who have been exposed to no-cost searches and fishing expeditions from journalists.

Ms Leatham: I do not know that we would be able to search that data at all. We would certainly be able to tell you the number of veterans' matters that we have dealt with over the last 10 years.

The answer to the honourable senator's question is as follows:

The following table sets out the number of applications lodged with the AAT in each of the last ten financial years in relation to decisions made under legislation administered by the Minister for Veterans' Affairs.

Year	Number of applications lodged
2006–07	1,132
2007–08	863
2008–09	823
2009–10	626
2010–11	600
2011–12	532
2012–13	557
2013–14	513
2014–15	496
2015–16	486
Total	6,628